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The Honorable William E. Colby
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Dear Bill:

We will be honored to host the World War II OSS Jedburghs at the Agency on Saturday, May 14th, 1988, for a presentation in the bubble. We will try to make our contribution to your reunion an effective one, and if possible, live up to your previous French hosts' hospitality. At present we are working on the remaining logistical arrangements. When we have more information, an officer from the Public Affairs Office will be in touch with you.

We wish you a successful reunion with the Jedburghs.

Sincerely,



Executive Director

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Per our previous conversation, the ExDir would like PAO to pick up on this, as it did for the earlier session for the Norwegians.

As it turns out, Mr. Colby would like to bring the Jedburghs out on Saturday, 14 May 1988 (vice 13 May). The DDA front office has erroneously reserved the bubble for the 13th, so you will need to fix that.

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Also, appropriate arrangements will need to be made with OS and for the cafeteria, if Mr. Colby wants the group to stay for lunch and that is ok with Security.

Mr. Colby (through) knows we are looking into this, but you will need to draft a letter for to notify him of our acceptance once arrangements have been made.

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Thank you,

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Dear [redacted]

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As I mentioned during our conversation a bit ago, a group of World War II OSS people are planning a reunion here in Washington from 11 to 15 May, 1988. They are the so-called Jedburghs who were teams of one French officer, one British or American officer and one radio operator of one of the three nationalities. They were dropped into France in 1944 to work with the Resistance groups just ahead of the advance of the allied armies. The purpose was to arm, train, coordinate and activate as much resistance as possible to assist the advancing armies by harassing operations against the German forces. The group trained together in England and is very close knit. It has had previous partial reunions and one grand one in Paris about three years ago, during which the French hosts went all out to make it a very warm and effective reunion.

On a previous occasion, I had a reunion of the Norwegian American group with whom I went into Norway under OSS. At that time, the Agency very kindly allowed us to come for a little presentation in the "bubble" on a Saturday morning when nobody much was there and then walk through the hall to the cafeteria to buy our lunch. In that case all of those involved were Americans and they all got a great charge out of the experience. We arrived around 11, left by 1:00.

It would be a very gracious gesture and one that would be deeply appreciated by all of the Jedburghs if we could copy this experience at the Agency on 13 May 1988. As a preliminary guess, I would think we would number about 100, including some families. We would get there on our own steam in a bus so that there would be a minimum problem of identification and entry of cars. We would also be happy to furnish a list of those coming in advance with whatever personal data you might like, in order to insure that you know who they are. I certainly don't know of any that have any doubtful aspects in their background.

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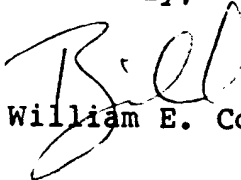
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The only problem is that the group would be only partially American, the remainder being either British or French. The French would probably be the larger of the two foreign contingents. I don't know whether you have any flat rules on the reception of foreign groups but I suggest that a one time exception might be made in this case due to the closeness with which we all worked with OSS and the Allied headquarters during the War.

I write you this far in advance to allow you plenty of time to consider the policy problems of receiving a group of foreigners shepherded by a group of very loyal and solid Americans.

All best to you as you go ahead with the fine Agency that Bill Webster has taken charge of.

Sincerely,


William E. Colby